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Post office returns to Churchinford

by Peter Hodges

CHURCHINFORD is bucking the trend and regaining a service it had previously lost - much to the delight of local residents.

A post office is returning to the village in the Blackdown Hills and will operate daily in the Churchinford and District Community shop, affectionately known as "Harbours in the hills" by locals.

The shop, which has been entirely staffed by volunteers, has gone from strength to strength since it first opened in a portable building in the village hall car park in 2010.

The village and surrounding community had been left without a shop after the decision to close the post office meant that running it was no longer viable and it closed in 2008. But now the shop and post office are up and running again.

Nick Strange, Chairman of the board of Volunteer Directors said the return of the post office would be a huge lifeline to many local residents.

"It is relied on by many for collecting pensions, businesses use it for manual banking and of course everyone uses it for buying stamps and posting parcels. The village has very limited public transport links and there is no other post office for seven miles, so having this facility is really a necessity."

It is anticipated that the shop and the post office will be mutually beneficial and in order to ensure the smooth running of both facilities, the shop will be employing three local people to manage the new service and the potential increase in business.

Volunteers are the backbone of the day-to-day workforce and there are currently 63 volunteers aged between 15 and 81 who cover opening hours from 8am to 6pm on weekdays, 8am to 2pm on Saturdays and 10am to 12pm on Sundays. Shifts are managed in two hours slots.

Many volunteers have regular shifts and many offer relief cover as necessary.

Mr Strange added: "We really are inclusive and everyone is encouraged to do what they can without being pushed out of their comfort zone. The volunteering aspect of the workforce really does engender a sense of pride

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Walkers raise £600 for churches



■ WALKERS as they prepare to leave Yarcombe Church

A TOTAL of 37 people, aged from five-years-old to 80-years, plus nine dogs, set off on a sponsored walk from Yarcombe Church led by Bryan Drew from the Five Alive Mission Community.

They were raising money for the Devon Historic Churches Trust, a fund which helps with grants to maintain churches in Devon.

Twenty minutes into the walk, the heavens opened and they were all drenched, but the clouds soon disappeared and the sun and warm breeze dried them off.

They were well received at all the churches visited - Yarcombe, Stockland, Dalwood, Shute and Kilmington - and they took in the Loughwood and Whitford Chapels in the process.

The Reverend Simon Holloway gave readings and prayers in each of the historic places of worship, and refreshments were kindly provided by helpers at all five of the main churches.

The walkers had a warm welcome over a lunchtime break at the Tuckers Arms in Dalwood where soup and toast were enjoyed.

Majority of the walkers completed the 14 miles with many of the children also making it to the end, including five-year-old Giles Burrough.

Post office reopens in village after seven years

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and support for our 'Harrods in the Hills' and we also pride ourselves in encouraging youngsters to gain work experience in a friendly and inspiring atmosphere."

The shop attracts a strong regular customer base that travel from nine surrounding parishes, some do their weekly shop with us while others top up as needed.

People are encouraged by competitive pricing (margins are kept as low as possible), a very friendly welcoming environment, and the opportunity to chat with friends over a hot drink and a

sweet treat in the coffee shop.

Mr Strange continued: "A full time post office can only add to the appeal of this wonderful gem of a shop which started life in a portable building in the village hall car park and which has grown now into a source of local pride in its own purpose built premises, all in the space of five busy years."

Churchinford and District Community Shop is run by a board of Volunteer Directors and is a non profit making Community Interest Company.

It is run for and on behalf of its members, and anyone can become a member.



■ VOLUNTEERS at the Churchinford and District community shop celebrate the opening of a much-needed post office. Chairman Nick Strange (centre right) said the post office was a necessity for the area

Training centre teams up with outdoor adventure company

AN East Devon farm-based conference and training venue has formed a partnership with a local outdoor pursuits company to boost the facilities it offers to its clients.

Colliton Barton, on the outskirts of Broadhembury between Honiton and Culmpton, is developing its services and has brought in outside activity experts the Outside Adventure Consultants Ltd.

Lucy Trevelyan, Events' Co-ordinator, said: "We have a great venue here, which, being based on a working dairy and poultry farm

is ideal for agricultural and rural skills training courses and the conferences we currently hold. But we wanted to be able to offer people that something extra.

"With our new 'away days' we offer companies just that, a real chance to get away from the office, try their hands at some new pursuits, whether that is archery, clay pigeon shooting or many of the other things we will have on offer. It is great to be able to link up with an experienced company like the Outside Adventure Con-

sultants to do this.

She added: "We will, of course, continue to offer our services to our agricultural and veterinary clients, we have a vet school based here and we run our own courses. The rooms are perfect for conferences and training and are also available to hire by local groups or companies."

The facilities at Colliton Barton include a large conference room which has a capacity for up to 45 people, a smaller 'break out' room and catering facilities.



■ WALKERS get muddy in places



■ ARRIVING at Stockland Church

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Celebrating Britain's heritage

A CELEBRATION of Britain's heritage took place in Hemyock where villagers took a glimpse in to the past to see what life was like before and during the two world wars.

Heritage Sunday began at Hemyock with a service at the parish church followed by a display in the church organised by the Friends of St Mary's depicting life during WWII, which attracted numerous visitors who, as well as looking at the displays, were able to enjoy tea and cakes provided by the friends.

Among the items on show were farming and gardening tools, a chamber pot, toasting fork, cruet set, sheet music,

paraffin stove, books and copies from the War Grave Commission site of local people.

Great interest was shown in copies of various people's diaries and local photos from 1939 to 1945.

Three floral displays by Jane Attlee attracted a great deal of attention – one depicted the Battle of Britain, another VE Day and a third commemorated HM Queen Elizabeth II's reign.

A selection of music from the period was played throughout the afternoon.

Visitors also had the opportunity to visit Hemyock Castle, which was open during the afternoon.



■ **RON White played music from through the war years**

Return of street fayre a huge success

CHARDSTOCK Street Fayre's return, after a two year break, put something very special back into the village, organisers say.

It brought together The Street Fayre Team, Chardstock Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club and St Andrew's Church in the organisation of a day of activities which offered something for the whole community and was hugely enjoyed by all ages.

Publicity officer Graham Vyse said: "The whole purpose of this event was to have fun and, at the same time raise funds for local good causes, among them this year Hospiscare, ARC Axminster and Cancer Research.

"It is too soon to report exactly how much was raised but early indications are that the nominated good causes will benefit significantly from the Street Fayre 2015.

"The Street Fayre Team would like to thank all those who gave their time so generously in order to make the event so enjoyable and successful and to all the visitors who came and gave their money so freely."



■ **THE church invited budding bell ringers to have a go**

Noni's story comes to life

A TALE of a little Iron Age girl on a big adventure in the Blackdown Hills is available for the first time in a beautiful print edition.

Noni the Blacksmith by Catherine Farnell was developed with children at Hemyock Primary School as part of a project teaching children under six about the ancient landscape.

It was so popular that the story has now been turned into a high quality picture book with illustrations by Lucy Richards, a Devon artist who has worked with authors such as The Gruffalo writer Julia Donaldson.

The delightful story tells how Noni longed to be a blacksmith like her daddy.

One day she loses her precious knife so she sets off with her pony Dum-Dum on an exciting quest to

learn how to make a new one.

Her journey takes Noni through the Blackdown Hills, helping young children to understand how people in the past worked with the natural materials around them.

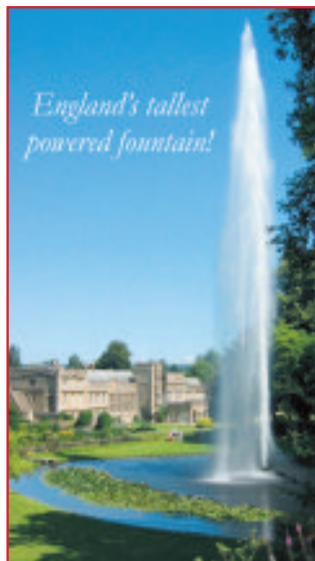
The book has been produced by the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership as a result of work done with Exeter-based creative learning enterprise The Carousel Project and archaeologists from the South West Heritage Trust.

The three organisations have been working together to increase understanding of the Blackdown Hills' ancient iron working heritage.

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Mr and Mrs Carr, and Mr and Mrs Webber, both from Dunkeswell (pictured), were awarded silver in overall garden category by judge horticultural consultant, Kieron Bewes.

They were presented with certificates at a special afternoon tea held at EDDC headquarters at Knowle, Sidmouth.



Glorious gardens

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Pupils win film competition

MP Marcus Fysh MP was thrilled to watch a film produced by pupils at Combe St Nicholas C of E School, near Chard.

The film earned a highly commended recognition at this year's "Lights, Camera, Parliament" competition, which asks young people aged seven-18 to tell parliament what new law they would introduce in the UK through a three-minute film.

The pupils in Combe St Nicholas decided to lobby for a limitation of the placement of solar panels on non-agricultural land.

Mr Fysh was impressed with the film, and was pleased to present the certificates to George, Charlotte and Brandon. Marcus was also given a full



■ MARCUS Fysh MP, Christine Maxwell, George, Charlotte and Brandon

tour of the school by the Headteacher Christine Maxwell, including attending the daily assembly.

The MP said: "The film showed great skill

and understanding of some of the issues facing the United Kingdom, with regards to farming and the environment.

"There is also a real commitment in the

school to ensuring the children have fully grasped the first steps of democracy. I was honoured to present the badges to those elected to the school council."



■ Visitors and organisers had plenty to look at and read

Village remembers Battle of Britain pilots

TIME was turned back twice in Yacombe when those who took part in The Battle of Britain were saluted.

More than 70 people attended a service in Yacombe Church and there was an even bigger turnout during a combined coffee morning and exhibition in the village hall two days later.

The tributes were organised by the Yacombe and Membury branch of The Royal British Legion, ably assisted by Robin Gilbert.

Mr Gilbert designed the Statue of Remembrance at Exeter Airport to those pilots who flew out of Exeter Airport and lost their lives.

His exhibition about the Battle of Britain and the flying from Exeter

Airport proved very popular with visitors to the coffee morning.

One of those who attended the coffee morning was Welshman and former Lancaster flight engineer Walford Jones, who flew during World War II.

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Hemyock Gardeners' Association

■ THE Hemyock Gardeners' Association held the Autumn Show in the Parish Hall on September 5th.

The Chairman, David Major, was pleased with the outcome after a difficult season.

Over 40 lunches had been served by Brenda and her team and the raffle, plus afternoon tea and cakes, helped to make the day financially viable.

Main prize winners were Monica Smith, Judith Major, John Butterwith, Kathy Jones, Doreen Perrott, Jane Atlee and Julie Steed. The chairman thanked all who had helped in any way, especially the Show Secretary Barbara Heaton and her assistant Marie Dear.

The photograph shows the Association Treasurer Helen Smith with the Chairman David Major and Secretary Judith Major, admiring the 'Best in Show Floral Art Exhibit' by Doreen Perrott.



Blackdown Hills Gardening Club

ON a sunny afternoon the club had its last outing of this year to Castle Drogo gardens, Drewsteignton, within Dartmoor National Park.

Construction on the last castle to be built in England began in 1911 for the Drewe family to designs by Architect Edwin Lutyens.

At 1,000 feet above sea level, the garden was hewn from granite moorland to create terraced levels with dramatic views of Dartmoor beyond.

Lutyens created garden rooms with planting by George Dillistone, a shrubbery for Julius Drewe, a rose garden for Frances Drewe, a wendy house with miniature garden and circular yew hedge enclosed lawns for the children,

all linked by granite steps and serpentine shaped paths winding along the herbaceous borders.

The entire area is surrounded by mature Beech trees planted to provide shelter from Atlantic winds and adverse weather conditions.

A trip much enjoyed by us all.

Members look ahead now to Wednesday, October 21st for a presentation by Mark Walsh on Bulbs throughout the year, at Churchinford Hall, from 7.30pm.

Then Wednesday, November 18th is a demonstration of garden and Christmas willow work by Richard Kerwood of Windrush Willow followed by a bring and share supper, also at Churchinford Hall, 7.30pm.

Blackdown Hills Transition Group

IT is the time of harvest festivals celebrating the abundance of produce.

It is also the time that Blackdown Hills Transition Group hosts a series of Apple days. Admission is free. This is an opportunity for people to bring along their apples in buckets and have them pressed into juice and if required pasteurised into glass bottles or plastic bottles for freezing.

This year the first event will be held at Buckland St Mary in the field and hall of the Community Hall on Sunday, October 11th from 2pm to 5pm. There will be refreshments available.

The second event will be held over two days Saturday and Sunday on October 24th and 25th October at Stentwood Farm, Dunkeswell, EX14 4RW.

The community in partnership with the transition group will be providing apple pressing and pasteurising, apple games, arts and crafts, camp fire, live music and circle dancing, wood fired

pizza, mulled apple juice, and Common Loaf Bakery baked treats (apple and otherwise). The Stentwood Farm Tea Room will also be open.

The Stentwood Farm Community would also like to invite everyone to stay after the apple day for a short play.

For further details contact, The Community at Stentwood Farm 01823 681155.

These apple days have been great fun to take part in whether you have apples to bring or not. Just come and join in.

The equipment has been made available to the transition group through a grant from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund. Outside the dates of the organised apple days the equipment, apple crusher, press and pasteuriser are available to loan out for a small fee to cover maintenance.

Contact Jim Rogan at e-mail jrogan@btinternet.com or mobile 07793067953.

Further Events:

Blackdown Hills Transition and Honiton Transition Groups host "View and Chew" every third Thursday of the month at the Beehive Centre Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LZ.

There is an opportunity to view a film related to environmental issues and have a discussion with others about the issues raised.

The cafe/bar will be open for drinks and snacks from 6.30pm and we start the film around 7pm.

Our next Transition Meeting is on the October 15th in the The Beehive Community Centre Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LZ. For a film and discussion as above.

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Clayhidon Friends

IT is hard to do justice in a few words to Janet East's entertaining and fascinating talk which she gave to the members this month.

Janet's story begins when she was a child born into a farming family. She went to university, married, and after some years, had a change in life style when she and her husband bought a bungalow with a small plot of land where they raised Jacob sheep and trained a collie dog to work with the flock.

Janet had always hankered after a rural life, and finally moved to a Devon longhouse in Payhembury with barns and 45 acres of land. They converted one barn into three for Bed and Breakfast, they increased the size of their flock, and they also began courses for training sheep dogs. The Easts sold lamb for the table, and Janet encouraged Edward, her husband, to learn butchery. The wool from the sheep was not wasted, and now, the wool is turned into knitted and woven articles.

Smeatharpe WI

THE September meeting saw a good crowd of members, with a new member and a visitor, all of whom were delighted to meet again after the summer break.

The ramblers had kept active during July and August, the most recent walk being from Charmouth, led by Penny Gale. The walk went inland but there were lovely sea views, and

a cream tea was much enjoyed on the way home.

The bells rang at a wedding in Uffculme and will ring at another wedding in September. The skittlers and the scrabble group are commencing activities in September.

There followed an inspiring talk by David Follett, a young man who sustained a broken neck due to a traffic accident. David, who grew up in Exeter, was still at school, very keen on all sports, when the accident happened, leaving him unable to feel anything from the neck down. He was quickly moved to Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. An operation allowed him movement in his arms but he is even now paralysed from the chest down.

Six months of hard work in the spinal rehabilitation unit in Salisbury allowed him to take up life again, albeit greatly changed, however he managed to enjoy a social life with his friends. He tried various wheelchair sports and enjoyed badminton so much that he started an award winning wheelchair badminton club. This was only the beginning. David is now ranked 13th in the world in wheelchair badminton, has played in three world championships, and is now a qualified badminton coach.

Perhaps the highlight of his life was when he was selected to carry the Olympic torch on part of its journey round England. Afterwards he was given this torch by his sponsors and he brought it with him to show to members, who were also introduced to his assistance and companion dog Tessie.

Sampford Arundel WI

THE words "oh wow" were frequently heard at Sampford Arundel WI's meeting this month, following the celebrations marking the centenary of the British WI this year.

The highlights were the Buckingham Palace garden party enjoyed by the member representing the WI and the National AGM at the Royal Albert Hall attended by the Queen, Sophie, Countess of Wessex, and the Princess Royal – and five mem-



JULIE Summers, the author of 'Jambusters' the book which inspired the television series 'HomeFires' met Sampford Arundel WI member Joan Knowlman at the WI Denman College at a Literary Lunch day.

bers of Sampford's WI. This had been shared in spirit and sight on screens round the whole country, and it was felt that watchers had been able to capture the atmosphere of the 'real' event.

The WI came back to earth with more mundane (but life-blood) matters. SS Great Britain had been visited and enjoyed, including the lunch in the Glass Bottomed restaurant in spite of the weather. The lunch at the Waterloo Cross had been enjoyed – more coming. The delegate gave a report of the national AGM, the high-light of which was of course the royal presence and her majesty's speech of the change in women's lives, and the achievement and growth of the WI.

The most important part of the proceedings was unusual. The resolution concerning the cost and comparison of health versus social care evoked strong opinions, and eventually it was abandoned. The subject was felt to be too vital not to have a resolution that could be effectively campaigned for, and they moved to the next item – lunch.

This is always an amazing event, with 1,000s of women sitting round the Albert Memorial. A new WI entertained with music – many of them had only just learned to play.

The speakers were all excellent; Dr Lucy Worsley, whose docu-

mentary about the WI will be televised shortly, spoke of her work in charge of Britain's uninhabited castles; Tanny Grey-Thompson, and Helena Morrissey. Then a fashion show with Kingston College in incredible and beautiful knitted designs.

Finally, English and Welsh National anthems. Members were given a piece of the winning centenary cake in a box.

Back to Sampford – yet more magic. Sean Clarke spoke of, and demonstrated the art of origami. He brought fantastic figures of horsemen, wizards and animals each made from one piece of paper, and following designs. The art was part of the Shinto religion, and had varying meanings. Eventually, members were let loose, and everyone went home proudly carrying a gift box.

Hemyock WI

VICE President Brenda Calcraft, welcomed members to the September meeting.

Secretary Cindy, had come to deal with the routine business, but she then had to go home as she felt so ill.

Brenda introduced Heather Penwarden who had come to give a talk entitled 'Dementia Awareness'.

She is well qualified to give such

a talk as she has been trained and is now a qualified 'Dementia Champion'.

Heather runs the Memory café in Honiton and has been involved with mental health in the NHS for over 30 years. She encouraged members to become 'Dementia Friends' and distributed information and badges. Her aim is to make people more aware of dementia. She said it is not natural aging. Nor is it just loss of memory. She also urged people not to forget that there is more to the person than dementia.

Heather then judged the competition for three cup cakes. She awarded Wendy first place, Brenda second and Judith tied with Fay for third. Bridget came first in the flower competition.

There will be a lunch on the third Monday of each month and the reading group will meet on the fifth Tuesday in September at Edith's.

Names were taken for those interested in going to Plymouth for the council meeting and members were reminded that photographs for the next calendar has a theme 'Over a Devon Gate'.

Next meeting October 6th in Forbes Lounge when members will get a 'Wildside Experience in the Blackdowns'. The competition is for a pincushion and a flower from the garden.

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what's on in and around the Blackdown Hills

A packed line-up for Clayhidon hall

NIGHTS are drawing in and Clayhidon's Parish Hall Committee has swung into action to bring a bit of cheer this autumn.

They have put together a programme of music, film and entertainment that they hope you will enjoy. Tickets are on sale now.

There will be a licensed bar at all these events. Supper is available at the live shows and ice cream and popcorn will be on sale at the film nights.

Jurassic Journey

THE new season of "Villages In Action" events at Sheldon Village Hall begins on Thursday, October 8th when award-winning photographer Ben Osborne makes a return visit with his stunning show "Jurassic Journey".

This show is an audio-visual celebration of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site along the dramatic coastline of East Devon and Dorset.

It is an exciting fusion of photography, music, poetry and sculpture created through collaboration between Ben Osborne and three other artists (musician Sammy Hurden, sculptor Lal Hitchcock and poet Matt Harvey).

Commentary, audio-visual sequences, soundscapes and humour create a richly entertaining evening for anyone interested in one of the most important coastlines in Britain.

Tickets for this show are available now from John Carr on 01404 841367.

You can find more information on the shows on the parish website www.clayhidon.org.uk

MATT HARVEY, WONDERMENTALIST:

The wonderful Matt Harvey is performing live on Saturday, October 3rd. Matt is one of the UK's funniest stand up poets, often heard on Radio 4. He is bringing his Edinburgh Festival show to the Blackdown Hills for just £8 per ticket (£6 concs). You can really push the boat out and make an evening of it by buying a home made supper for a further £3 per head.

Email Caroline Bendle for tickets carouselle@btinternet.com (01823 681047).

HELEN MIRREN IN CLAYHIDON?

As an experiment the hall committee are dipping their toes into the film club world. They have teamed up with Moviola, a not for profit organisation that brings professionally projected films to rural communities. Kicking off on Friday October 9th, *Woman in Gold* (cert 12A) provides yet another stellar performance by Helen Mirren, based on the true story of one woman's fight to recover her family's heritage stolen by the Nazis in WWII. Tickets are £6 per head or £20 per family. Email lucyball132@btinternet.com (01823 680607).

BLACKHEART, AN 'UTTERLY MAGICAL' BAND:

On Friday, October 30th there will be a performance by Blackheart, described as an utterly mag-

ical band.

They are often categorised as a modern folk band, but one of the many critics who have raved about them called them "a heavenly fusion of acoustic folk, intelligent pop and classical music". They were voted the Best British duo in the 2014 UK Exposure Music Awards.

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RUSSELL CROWE'S THRILLER:

On Friday, November 13th we are showing *The Water Diviner*, starring Russell Crowe (cert 15).

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COULD YOU BE THE BRAIN OF CLAYHIDON 2015?

The hall committee round off their autumn season with the now traditional quiz on Saturday, December 5th. To book your team contact Caroline Bendle - carouselle@btinternet.com (01823 681047).

JURASSIC JOURNEY:

Villages in Action are presenting a show on Thursday, October 8th. Ben Osborne's Jurassic Journey is an audio visual show celebrating the Jurassic Coast, with stunning photographs, music, sculptures and poems by Matt Harvey. For tickets call 01404 841369 or email smurphy@bbghdon.freemove.co.uk.

diary dates

Saturday 3rd October - Scout sale at Hemyock. 2pm at the Parish Hall. This magnificent event attracts people from far and wide to search for bargains galore. If you are decluttering or have any items you would like to donate please contact Wendy on 01823 680535 to arrange collection.

Thursday 8th October - Sheldon Village Hall - Villages In Action - Ben Osborne's Jurassic Journey - 7.30pm. Contact John Carr 01404 84136.

Saturday 10th October - Lichen Identification Walk, 10am - 12pm. Join the Natural Futures team on an Lichen identification walk in this mature beech and oak wood introducing these often overlooked but nevertheless fascinating group of species. Cost: Free. Location: Dornett Wood nr Buckland St Mary, ½ mile off the A303, near the Eagle Tavern ST 278 139.

Thursday, 15th October - Blackdown Hills Business Association AGM, 6pm AGM & 7pm Annual Dinner at the Monkton Court Hotel, Monkton, near Honiton, Devon EX14 9QH. Full details: <http://www.bhba.org.uk/events.php>.

If you are holding an event in the Blackdown Hills and would like it included as a Diary Date in the paper please email the details to alex@tindlenews.co.uk. Don't forget to include the date, time, place, organiser's name and a brief description of the event.



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OCT 5	5 DAYS	PEAKS & PUDDINGS	£335.00
OCT 11	5 DAYS	THE AUTUMN COLOURS OF WALES - GARDENS & TRAINS.	£325.00
OCT 11	15 DAYS	OUR 2015 GRAND TOUR ... SICILY	£1595.00
OCT 11	5 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR, LAKES & DALES	£385.00
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OCT 18	6 DAYS	THE WONDERFUL AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND	£335.00
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OCT 23	2 DAYS	A MYSTERY WEEKEND	£139.00
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FEB 15	5 DAYS	SCENIC SHROPSHIRE & CHRAMING CHSTER	£179.00
FEB 22	5 DAYS	NORTH WALES & SNOWDONIA	£195.00
FEB 29	5 DAYS	STRATFORD, COVENTRY & COTSWOLDS	£225.00
FEB 29	5 DAYS	SOUTH WALES	£175.00
MAR 4	5 DAYS	ENTERTAINMENT BREAK IN SOUTH WALES	£139.00
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